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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of April 29, 2003, has a shortened statutory time set to expire on July 29, 2003 (previously extended to August 29, 2003). A **further one-month** extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 03-1935 in the amount of **\$300.00** for payment of the extension fee. Two additional copies of this paper are here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 03-1935.

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